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1. PUBLICLY, GOC'S INITIAL REACTION TO SUBMISSION
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OF TURKISH PROPOSALS TO UNSYG WALDHEIM IS COOL AND
CAUTIOUS. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED FOLLOWING
STATEMENT LATE APRIL 13.

"THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WILL
WAIT TO BE INFORMED OF THE CONTENT OF THE TURKISH
PROPOSALS, BEFORE DECIDING ON THEIR STAND. IN
ANY CASE, OUR POSITION REMAINS UNCHANGED. AS

AGREED, THE TURKISH PROPOSALS MUST BE CONCRETE AND COMPREHENSIVE, NOT AN OUTLINE. ON THE BASIS OF THESE PROPOSALS CONSULTATIONS SHOULD FOLLOW WITH THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY PROVIDE GROUND JUSTIFYING THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. THIS IS THE AGREEMENT REACHED DURING THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LATEST VISIT TO CYPRUS."

2 MORE NEGATIVE TONE WAS REFLECTED IN CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORP (CBC) NEWSCAST APRIL 14, WHICH REPORTED THAT AN "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE" SAID THAT, JUDGING FROM AVAILABLE REPORTS, PROPOSALS CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND DID NOT GO BEYOND PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AT VIENNA IN APRIL, 1977. (CBC USES PHRASE "AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE" ADVISEDLY AND WE ASSUME SOURCE WAS INDEED RESPONSIBLE HIGH GOC OFFICIAL.)

3. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS APRIL 14 GAVE MIXED TREATMENT TO NEWS OF PROPOSALS, MOST PAPERS RUNNING STORIES UNDER HOSTILE HEADLINES. "PROPOSALS MOCKERY, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT" (RIGHT-WING AGON). "TURKISH PROPOSALS ARE UNACCEPTABLE" (FAR RIGHT MAKHI). "PROPOSALS UNACCEPTABLE, CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF (TURKISH) STATE" (SOCIALIST TA NEA). "PROPOSALS BASED ON FAITS ACCOMPLIS" (PRO-GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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4. THREE IMPORTANT GREEK LANGUAGE PAPERS, HOWEVER, GAVE STORY MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI, MODERATE PHILELEFTHEROS, AND RIGHT-WING SIMERINI CARRIED RATHER COMPLETE, NEUTRAL ACCOUNTS BASED ON TURKISH PRESS RELEASE. LATTER TWO PAPERS RAN EDITORIALS CAUTIONING AGAINST HASTY REJECTION OF PROPOSALS.

5. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS HEADLINED STORY ON SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS BUT WITHOUG EDITORIAL COMMENT.
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